

The Commitments below are a sample of the many individuals and organizations from the public, private and nonprofit sectors who have joined together in this nation to fight hunger and food insecurity. These commitments, both large and small, are the only way we can begin to win this fight.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITMENTS

American School Food Service Association (ASFSA)

Commitment: In partnership with Foodchain's national community kitchen initiative and DC Central Kitchen, ASFSA commits to launching a national program to "convert" school cafeteria's into Community Kitchens. In designated communities, vacant schools will be utilized to develop job-training programs for the unemployed. In working schools, training will be added to the curriculum, so that students can enter a track that will lead to employment in the hospital industry. In either case, facilities will be used to prepare donated food and produce into balanced meals for shelters, Meals on Wheels, home bound AIDS programs and after school snacks for Kid's Café's.

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America's Second Harvest

Commitment: America's Second Harvest makes three commitments for the National Summit:

1. In partnership with Hewlett Packard, Second Harvest will install and operate a new web-based system, *Resourcelink*, to efficiently link growers, manufacturers, processors and distributors with the America's Second Harvest food bank network, its 188 food banks and 26 million customers as well as to an alliance of shipping companies that can provide no-cost or low-cost transportation.
2. Second Harvest also commits to partner with USDA and other key national anti-hunger organizations to expand food stamp outreach by distributing outreach materials through their 188 member food banks and in turn through their food banks member agencies.
3. America's Second Harvest will designate 10 food banks in states where there are above average

levels of community food security and work with local agencies to develop food security networks and local community food security action plans.

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America the Beautiful Fund

Commitment: America the Beautiful commits to supplying all individuals and organizations interested in establishing community gardens with free seeds and technical assistance in coordination with USDA's "millennium gardens campaign" and other key community garden organizations.

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Bread for the World

Commitments: Bread for the World (BFW) commits to organizing communities to advocate for stronger national nutrition assistance programs and better wages. Specifically, BFW will launch in January 2000, a "Fair Share: Working to End Hunger" campaign to focus on strengthening food stamps and increasing the minimum wage; promote a new program to end hunger in the U.S. and the world, focusing on work, investments in people, and democracy (this program will be released in January 2000, and draws on the US Food Security Action plan, as well as new community-based efforts); educate individuals, religious leaders, government leaders, the media, and others on new research about the persistence of hunger and food insecurity; provide training on the national nutrition assistance programs and wages for anti-hunger networks and share food security initiative information with our 44,000 individual and church members.

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Community Food Security Coalition

Commitment: The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) commits to : 1) Undertaking a major new initiative to connect family farmers with school food services. CFSC will produce a report describing innovative farm to school programs, undertaking a series of training workshops regionally to stimulate new farm to school programs, and will initiate a campaign to institute a healthy foods, healthy schools approach around the country; 2) Developing and publishing a full-scale guidebook on how to assess local community food security; 3) Providing emerging food policy coalitions across the country, with assistance in coalition formation, working with city government, and outlining options for food policy councils; 4) Developing a national food security policy agenda; and 5) Partnering with USDA and farmers' markets around the country to improve farmers' market access to Food Stamp Program electronic benefits transfer (EBT) and develop innovative solutions.

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Con Agra

Commitment: Con Agra commits \$11 million to fight childhood hunger. Through a partnership with Second Harvest, Con Agra will launch the "Feeding Children Better" initiative. The initiative will identify and transport food to an estimated 14 million children; establish 75-100 Kids Cafes nationwide and launch an aggressive public awareness campaign on the issue of hunger.

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Congressional Hunger Center

Commitment: The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) commits to highlighting and initiating 10 new food security projects in partnership with the Mickey Leland Fellows field placement organizations across America. In addition, the CHC will redesign its Hunger-Free Community Report used by the Leland Fellows to assess the level of hunger in their field placement communities into a comprehensive Community Food Security Assessment module to be used by Fellows in the field. In addition, the CHC's Beyond Food AmeriCorps Program commits to implementing a Community Food Security partnership project in each of their five sites (rural Vermont, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, and the Mississippi Delta) in conjunction with other anti-hunger groups in those communities.

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Corporation For Enterprise Development

Commitment: The Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED) commits to offering all its resources, including the forthcoming IDA Design Handbook, the "soups to nuts" guide to starting an IDA program, state IDA policy design handbook, newsletter, website (www.idanetwork.org) and listserve (idanetwork@cfed.org) and our annual conference (March 5-7 in Austin) to all persons and organizations interested in developing a IDA program.

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Feinstein Foundation

Commitment: Marking both World Food Day and the USDA National Summit on Community Food Security, Rhode Island Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein pledges \$1 million in matching funds for anti-hunger and community food security efforts. Feinstein will match all donations over \$25 — up to a total of \$1 million — made during the month of March 2000 to any nonprofit agency across the country fighting hunger and bolstering food security.

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Foodchain

Commitment: Foodchain commits to expanding and developing local infrastructure related to food-recovery, through local infrastructure grants for grass-roots food recovery, both perishable and prepared. The grants will be directed towards initiating new or expanding existing food recovery programs. Foodchain will also partner with Delta Airlines and Hilton Hotels to increase food donations to their 144 member agencies. Finally, Foodchain commits to expanding their community kitchen program to schools across America in partnership with ASFSA and DC Central Kitchen.

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Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

Commitment: FRAC commits to addressing the issue of hunger and food insecurity through the dissemination of information, influencing national opinion and policy-makers, and by working together with local and state organizations and USDA. Specifically, FRAC will:

1. Make the Food Stamp Program more accessible to working families through outreach, improved state and federal practices and procedures and improved national policies--especially for immigrants, working families, childless adults, and poor families leaving TANF;
2. Expand the availability of the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Program for all eligible children. FRAC will work to ensure that the Child and Adult Care Food Program is used to the maximum extent possible to provide nutritious meals and bolster quality care for low-income preschoolers in family child care homes and child care centers and to children in homeless shelters;
3. Expand the availability of after school snacks and meals for eligible children through the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the National School Lunch Program;
4. Advocate for sufficient funding for the WIC Program so that all low-income pregnant women, infants and children at nutritional risk are able to participate.

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From the Wholesaler to the Hungry

Commitment: From the Wholesaler to the Hungry commits to a new round of fresh produce grants which will dramatically increase the amount of fresh produce to local anti-hunger organizations. In addition, commit to helping Farmshare, a Florida food bank and food recovery organization, establish a new food recovery and

redistribution site in Florida, to assist impoverished migrant farm workers.

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Hewlett Packard

Commitment: Hewlett Packard, in partnership with America's Second Harvest, commits to create and provide the technical assistance to operate ResourceLink, a inter-net based food donation and redistribution system. From the ResourceLink Web site, manufacturers can post offers of donated or surplus food which can be simultaneously requested by America's Second Harvest food banks around the country. ResourceLink instantly matches the donations with the food banks in need. At the same time, hundreds of trucking companies are instantly notified that a load for charity needs to be picked up and delivered. A willing driver and trucking firm can pick up the shipment and provide a vital service that may feed hundreds or thousands of people, yet cost the transportation company little time or expense.

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Jewel-Osco Inc.

Commitment: The Jewel-Osco supermarket chain, recently merged with Albertsons, will donate 600,000 pounds of food to anti-hunger feeding organizations in six cities. This donation will bring their national total for the year to 20 million pounds. In addition, Jewel-Osco will seek a 20% increase in donations the coming year.

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National Association of WIC Directors

Commitment: National Association of WIC Directors commits to working with the USDA, CFSI Liaisons and national anti-hunger/poverty organizations to protect the integrity and improve the quality of WIC nutrition education by sharing information on prospective research topics which should be studied in the WIC program to document the program's successes and by providing basic WIC outreach information to anti-hunger and food-security organizations.

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National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Commitment: NCAI will work with USDA, the CFSI Liaisons and the CFSI staff to distribute food security information and technical assistance to its tribal members across the country.

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National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC)

Commitment: NFFC will work with government, state, and non-governmental agencies to meet the needs of farmers and enable consumers to access to locally produced food. Specifically, NFFC commits to work with its member organizations across the country to expand on the successful models of Missouri Rural Crisis Center's Patchwork Family Farms and Family Farm and Defender's Family Farmer Cheese Project in Wisconsin. These projects are successful in providing a fair price for their farmers. NFFC commits to expand these types of projects.

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National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness

Commitment: The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness will commit to develop both technical assistance manuals and community food security workshop curriculum, in coordination with the Community Food Security Coalition and USDA, for regional student food security training sessions and will conduct five student training sessions.

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Phillip Morris Companies Inc.

Commitment: The Phillip Morris Fight Against Hunger is a four-year commitment of \$100 million in food and financial support. The Phillip Morris family of companies - including Kraft Foods, Inc., Miller Brewing Company, and Phillip Morris U.S. A. - will contribute \$50 million in cash and \$ 50 million in donations of Kraft Foods products to leading hunger organizations in all 50 states. The Phillip Morris Fight Against Hunger supports a wide range of organizations that provide food directly to hungry people, collect food for distribution, increase the availability of perishable foods and fresh produce for those in need and meet peoples emergency food needs.

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Phillip Morris Companies Inc.
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Society of St. Andrew

Commitment: Society of St. Andrew commits to establishing a field gleaning program in every state in the continental US over the next five years. The program will, when fully developed, include a staff of sixty and approximately sixty thousand volunteers per year. This network of programs will glean approximately 30,000, 000 pounds of produce annually and be financially self sufficient by the fifth year. Partial seed funding has been secured from the United Methodist Church and matching funds are being sought. In addition, Society of St. Andrew will work to create a inter-faith/interdenominational working council on community food security to create a national multi-organization action plan aimed at creating innovative food security solutions through religious organizations in coordinated fashion.

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Share Our Strength

Commitment: Share Our Strength commits, in partnership with USDA, to drafting a MOU on Operation Frontline, and expand nutrition education efforts at the local level in coordination with other anti-hunger, health, nutrition and community development organizations. Share Our Strength will also develop a referral system which educates grant seekers on federal and private programs in coordination with USDA/WHY inter-agency working group.

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Welfare to Work Partnership

Commitment: The Welfare to Work Partnership commits to work with USDA to expand food stamp outreach by distributing to its 12,000 Business Partners information that educates both employer and employee on the benefits of food stamp usage and access. These food stamp outreach materials will be distributed via brochures, faxes, and the web as part of larger campaign to promote job retention and career advancement for the many Americans leaving the welfare rolls.

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World Hunger Year (WHY)

Commitment: World Hunger Year commits:

1. To publicize and distribute "Replication Manuals" for seven of the most effective grassroots hunger and poverty programs in the U.S. The manuals include: ACENET, a coalition of small agriculture-related businesses who share a professional kitchen facility and engage in joint marketing of their specialty food products; California Emergency Food Link, which trains and employs the homeless while gleaning fresh produce for distribution to the hungry; and the Hartford Food System, which is a multifaceted

- model of community food security including a Community Supported Agriculture farm.
2. Place its national grassroots database of over 6,000 organizations on the World Wide Web in an interactive fashion to allow greater response to needs. This database features best practices and tools for replication of model programs.
 3. Expand its promotional and educational activities to emphasize the role of "Community Food Security" in the fight against hunger and poverty, including new PSA's and interviews during its week-long Hungerthon radio and TV promotion on six metropolitan New York stations, expanding WHY's national Artists Against Hunger & Poverty Program that will connect artists to appropriate grassroots groups, offering WHY's monthly newsletter -What's "Moo" at the Clearinghouse, and provide the "800-GLEAN-IT" number for outreach and referrals.

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Youth Service America

Commitment: Youth Service America commits to partner with USDA and other key national anti-hunger organizations to dramatically increase the number of anti-hunger volunteers and volunteer opportunities nationwide. YSA will utilize ServeNet's Volunteer Now! locator box, a web-based volunteer database, to direct hundreds of interested volunteers and organizations into service opportunities in local and national anti-hunger/poverty organizations. YSA will also partner with anti-hunger organizations to utilize the Presidential Student Service Awards, to recognize the contributions of young hunger fighters while encouraging other young Americans to serve their communities.

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Community, State & Regional Commitments**

** ALL COMMITMENTS ARE ALPHABETIZED BY STATE.

Consolidated Community Development, Fort Smith, AR

Commitment: Consolidated Community Development commits to reach those children who do not receive nutritious meals when schools are out for the summer, Consolidated Community Development is committed to serving meals to 750 needy children at eight sites within walking distance of HUD housing complexes in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in summer 2000.

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Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, Jonesboro, AR

Commitment: The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas commits to providing 1.5 million pounds of food to the hungry in 14 counties of northeast Arkansas by December 1999.

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Association of Arizona Food Banks, Phoenix, AZ

Commitment: In partnership with USDA Rural Development, state, county and municipal economic development offices, the Association of Arizona Food Banks commits to increase food security in Arizona by working to develop a manufacturing plant on the grounds of a rural food bank facility constructed as a for-profit corporation, which will develop a label and produce a product that utilizes locally grown raw materials and produces a highly marketable retail item.

Contact: Cindy Gentry
Association of Arizona Food Banks
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Occidental College, Los Angeles CA

Commitment: Occidental College commits to: 1) Developing and expanding, in conjunction with Eco-Oxy/Eco-L.A. and Occidental's Campus Volunteer and Community Service Center (CVSC), the Occidental Market Basket Program, a direct marketing program/farm-to-school, and the CVSC Glassell Park Partnership, a school garden and green landscape program, as well as an active environmental and nutrition education program for low-income students; 2) Participating in a new effort to include healthy meals and nutrition and environmental education in the new After-School Enrichment program launched by the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services in more than 225 schools throughout Los Angeles County; 3) Launching, in partnership with USDA, a Farmers' Market Fruit and Salad Bar program in the Los Angeles Unified School District; 4) Establishing, in partnership with the California Department of Health Services, an innovative program of gardens and other community food security projects for domestic violence victims at shelters and transitional housing programs. Ten domestic violence shelters will be funded through this program; 5) Exploring the possibility of a Certificate program to provide community health workers and other community members with advanced training in nutrition and community food security.

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Santa Monica Farmers Market, Santa Monica, CA

Commitment: The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Program commits to sponsoring four weekly Certified Farmers' Markets which hosts 200 farmers and serves over 18,000 customers; providing fresh produce to eight elementary and middle schools; participating in the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program; and encouraging local restaurants to purchase locally grown produce.

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Santa Monica, CA

Commitment: The Santa Monica Unified school District, commits to furthering the knowledge and health of its students through a "Farmers' Market Fresh Fruit and Salad Bar." This program is designed to increase students' consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and aid local farmers through the purchase of fresh produce.

Contact: Dr. Neil Schmidt
Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
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Colorado Coalition on Hunger and Food Policy, Fort Collins, CO

Commitment: The Colorado Coalition on Hunger and Food Policy commits to coordinating a Colorado Summit on Hunger and Food Security and expanding the Coalition's network.

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Connecticut Food Policy Council, Hartford Connecticut

Commitment: In response to the USDA Community Food Security Initiative, the Food Policy Council of State of Connecticut commits to working with its State leaders and agencies to achieve the goal of food

security for every Connecticut household by the year 2010. To achieve this goal, the Connecticut Food Policy Council will:

1. Maintain and strengthen the capacity of Connecticut's agriculture to meet a reasonable share of our state's food needs.
2. Increase education and outreach efforts to inform people about federal food assistance programs and to provide food and nutrition education.
3. Ensure that all people of Connecticut, regardless of residency and transportation, are not restricted from gaining access to affordable food outlets such as supermarkets and farmer's markets.

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Connecticut Food Policy Council
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Hartford, CT 06105
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Hartford Public Schools, Hartford, CT

Commitment: The Hartford, Connecticut school system, in partnership with local public and private organizations, school officials, parent-teacher organizations and the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy, Foodshare of Greater Hartford, Hartford Food System, commits to ensure that every student starts the school day ready to learn. To that end, the Hartford school system will offer breakfast at no cost to any student and arrives in their school cafeteria five minutes before their first instructional period. To support this commitment, the Hartford school system will undertake a community-wide promotion and outreach campaign designed to inform the families of all students of the general importance of breakfast to their physical well-being and, for those unable to eat breakfast at home, of the school breakfast program.

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North Central Indiana Food Bank, South Bend, IN

Commitment: The North Central Indiana Food Bank, in partnership with local health department officials commits to expanding its food service sanitation and handling program. The program will be expanded to train truck drivers in food service inspections of agencies and program monitoring.

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State of Iowa

Commitment: The state of Iowa commits to establishing an Iowa Food Policy Council to address the issue of hunger and food insecurity.

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State Capitol Building

Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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Field to Family Community Food Project, Ames, IA

Commitment: The Field to Family Community Food Project commits in partnership with ISU Extension and the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management Department at Iowa State University to integrate locally grown foods into one or more school food programs in Story County, Iowa. Specifically, the Field to Family Community Food Project commits to:

- ! In partnership with a local coalition of churches, providing \$5000 worth of food vouchers to low-income families to be used towards fresh produce obtained at local farmers markets and grocery stores. Field to Family will also expand their fresh produce donation program.
- ! Publishing a report which can be used by local farmers to increase their capacity to market their products directly to local grocery stores, hotels, restaurants and institutions.
- ! Help 15-20 low-income families join a local Community Supported Agriculture Project while offering two Family Basic nutrition education programs.
- ! Organizing and expanding the Community Food and Nutrition Team.

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Story County, IA

Commitment: Story County, in partnership with Field to Family, commits to hold a Food System Leadership Retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity for hunger, nutrition, farming and community stakeholders to come together, share current efforts and explore ways to increase partnerships for future efforts.

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Heifer Project International, Chicago IL

Commitment: Heifer Project International commits to expand their Urban Agriculture Program to partner with community-based organizations to design and implement innovative urban agriculture projects that incorporate livestock and vegetable production. The goal of these projects is to have families raise fish, ducks, chickens, and vegetables in an urban setting for economic and social development.

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Illinois Hunger Coalition, Springfield, IL

Commitment: In the year 2000, the Illinois Hunger Coalition (IHC) commits to work with more than 300 organizations to alleviate hunger in Illinois by providing public education, community organizing and promotion of progressive public policies. We commit to assist the State of Illinois in applying for a waiver to exempt 18-50 year-olds from a provision of the welfare reform law that can limit their participation to three out of thirty-six months. The Illinois Hunger Coalition also commits to expand participation in Federal child nutrition programs such as the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the After School Program.

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Kankakee County, IL

Commitment: Through the Kankakee Farm Service Agency, Kankakee County commits to coordinating a food recovery program, expanding their new Farmers Market in downtown Kankakee by accepting WIC coupons from pregnant and parenting women; providing free range/pastured poultry to the low-income farm community; and by assisting at least ten families to start individual poultry operations.

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University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Lexington, KY

Commitment: The Kentucky School Food Service Association commits to develop legislation to be introduced in the 2000 State General Assembly to allow local school systems to use 15 minutes of the academic schedule for school breakfast to increase the utilization of the School Breakfast Program.

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City of Boston, MA

Commitment: The City of Boston commits to address the issue of hunger and food insecurity through increased participation in school breakfast; participation in the Summer Feeding Program served in Boston Public Schools and Community Centers; distribution of \$115,000 in Summer Food grants to 91 food pantries; providing start-up grants to Farmers Markets (there are currently 13 farmer's markets in Boston); support for the Long Island Shelter farm whose produce is used in the Shelter's kitchen and sold at two local farmers markets; and coordination of an annual food drive which raises almost 200,000 pounds of food each fall.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Commitment: Governor Paul Cellucci and Lt. Governor Jane Swift commit to addressing hunger in Massachusetts through: 1) Full funding for all WIC eligible low-income women, infants and children. This year the state commits \$14.6 million to fully fund the WIC Program making Massachusetts one of the only states in the nation to fully fund the program; 2) Making school breakfast accessible to children in the Commonwealth. This year the state commits \$5.5 million to expand the school breakfast program in the Commonwealth; 3) Ensuring that low income children receive meals during the summer months. This year the state commits \$1.22 million has for the Summer Food Service Program; 4) Ensuring that low income children receive meals at after school programs. This year the state commits \$775,000 in state funds to allow school programs to access the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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Food Bank Farm of Western Massachusetts, MA

Commitment: The Food Bank Farm of Western Massachusetts commits to distribute a goal of 4.5 million pounds of food to the local agencies and people of Western Massachusetts; maintain accessible nutrition education to low income residents; produce over 300,000 pounds of organic vegetables from a 60 acre 500 member community supported farm; and take leadership with local, state and regional organizations to increase access to affordable high quality food.

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City of Holyoke, MA

Commitment: The City of Holyoke commits to creating a Food Policy Council.

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Nuestras Raices, Holyoke, MA

Commitment: Nuestras Raices commits to increasing the number of community gardens in Holyoke.

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Springfield Nutrition and Wellness Coalition, Springfield, MA

Commitment: The Springfield Nutrition and Wellness Coalition commits to working collaboratively with local agencies and partners to increase the number of community gardens and green spaces, nutrition education, and low-income residents access to fresh and locally grown food.

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The Center on Agriculture, Food and Environment, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Commitment: The Center on Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy commits to invest in the Northeast Food Systems Partnership of anti-hunger and sustainable agriculture advocates by improving communication among these organizations through information dissemination, coordinating a clearinghouse, and e-bulletins and by developing the conceptual links among community food security, local food systems and food security at the household and national levels.

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University of Massachusetts Agroecology Program, Amherst, MA

Commitment: The University of Massachusetts Agroecology Program commits to increase outreach to all citizens of the Commonwealth regarding agricultural issues such as integrated pest management, food safety, diversification of crops, economic development, and marketing.

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UMASS Extension, Bowditch Hall, Box 30910
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003
Phone: 413-545-5216

Clare County, MI

Commitment: Clare County, through Michigan State University Extension--Clare County and the Clare County Farm Bureau, commits to the creation of a Clare County Community Farm Market and a kitchen incubator. The market and incubator will be developed through the implementation of Clare County's Enterprise Community strategic plan. Proposed Partners include MSU Extension--Clare County, Clare County Farm Bureau, Michigan Association of Cooperatives, Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems, USDA Rural Development - Michigan, Small Business Development Center, area farmers, artisans, and the Amish Community.

Contact: Hal Hudson
225 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 439, County Building
Harrison, MI 48625-0439
Phone: 517-539-7805

Hunger Action Coalition of Michigan, Detroit MI

Commitment: In Detroit, over 30 stakeholder groups commit to form the Detroit Food Security Council. The goal of the Council will be to systematically address food system issues in the Detroit area to inform local policies, educate the community, and initiate programs on local food issues. This collaborative effort includes neighborhood organizations, food assistance organizations, black business and farmer interests, and units from Wayne State University. The group will use its 10 point action plan for enhancing food security in Detroit to guide activities in the coming year.

Contact: David Hacker
Hunger Action Coalition of Michigan
Geography and Urban Planning, Wayne State University
225 State Hall
Detroit, MI 48202;
Phone: 313-577-4296

Minnesota Food Share, Minneapolis, MN

Commitment: Minnesota FoodShare commits to initiating a new "Community Initiatives: Creating Food and Economic Security in your community." This initiative will address the issue of hunger on a community by community basis. Pilots will be launched in St. Cloud and "Near North" Minneapolis. Key elements of the project include a community assessment, the creation of community task forces and the development of a anti-hunger/food security plan.

Contact: Shannon Doyle
Minnesota FoodShare's Community Initiatives Coordinator
1001 Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN
Phone: 612-721-8687

Montana Food Bank Network, Missoula, MT

Commitment: The Montana Food Bank Network, in partnership with USDA Rural Development, and the Montana State Prison, commits to initiating a Cannery Project which will be used to can donated fresh and frozen food for hungry people. The cannery will produce 240,000 cans of food each year, process confiscated wild game meat and provide job training opportunities for inmates.

Contact: Peggy Grimes
Montana Food Bank
5625 Expressway

Missoula, MT 59808
Phone: 406-542-2370
Fax: 406-721-3825

City of New Brunswick, NJ

Commitment: The City of New Brunswick commits to develop a Food & Environment Policy Council in the year 2000. The Council will include representation from government, the private, sector, the non-profit sector and community residents.

Contact: Steven Lennox
Office of the Mayor
78 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
Phone: 732-745-5004

New Jersey Cooperative Gleaning Network, Trenton, NJ

Commitment: The NJ Cooperative Gleaning Network commits to the collection and distribution of over 2 million pounds of fresh in the year 2000. The Network's members are the Community Food Bank, Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean County, Camden Food Bank, Mercer Street Friends, Tri-County Community Action Agency, NORWESCAP, Farmers Against Hunger, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Contact: Joni Elliot
Farmers Against Hunger
NJ Department of Agriculture
Trenton, NJ 08625-0330
Phone: 690-984-2520

New Jersey Urban Ecology Program, Rutgers, NJ

Commitment: The New Jersey Urban Ecology Program, a program of Rutgers University, commits to having nine communities throughout New Jersey develop and manage "Youth Farm Stand Projects" with a total involvement of over 100 youth. The mission of the NJ Urban Ecology Program is to "ensure all New Jersey communities are food secure with their residents having access to safe, affordable, nutritious, culturally and socially acceptable food that is produced in an environmentally sustainable manner."

Contact: Michelle Wilson
Statewide Director of the Youth Farm stand Project
Department of Nutrition Sciences
Rutgers University
96 Lipman Drive
Rutgers, NJ 08901

Albuquerque School District, Albuquerque, NM

Commitment: The Albuquerque School District commits to recovering all excess school lunches for donation to needy people in the community.

Contact: Elaine Keaton
Albuquerque Schools Lunch Program
Phone: 505-345-5661
Fax: 505-344-1017

Colorado Hot Houses, Inc., Estancia, NM

Commitment: Colorado Hot Houses, Inc., in Torrance County, New Mexico commits to donating up to 2,000 pounds of surplus tomatoes two times a week to the Road Runner Food Bank. This donation will be distributed to 250 agencies served by the food bank in the Albuquerque area.

Contact: Dena McMath
c/o Torrance Co FSA Office
PO Box 98
Estancia, NM 87016

Farmington School District, Farmington, NM

Commitment: The Farmington Schools commits to the recovery of all excess school lunches for donation to needy people in the community. Approximately 100 lunches per week are rescued and distributed to homeless people.

Contact: Bob Schryver
Farmington School Central Kitchen
Phone: 505-599-8629
Fax: 505-599-8806

Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI), Farmington, NM

Commitment: The NAPI, in partnership with the Northern Arizona Food Bank, commits to providing transportation to move potatoes through the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and Arizona. The NAPI will place potatoes in bins to distribute an estimated 2,000,000 pounds of excess produce to hungry families.

Contact: Lorenzo Bates, General Manager
PO Box 1318
Farmington, NM 87499
Phone: 505-327-5251
Fax: 505-326-3152

New Mexico Food Bank Association, Albuquerque, NM

Commitment: The New Mexico Food Bank Association is committed to increasing food share and food recovery projects to 10,000,000 pounds in 5 years by improving distribution of food through the state; and establishing distribution outlets in undeserved areas. Technical assistance will be provided by the Arizona Gleaning project.

Contact: Melody Wattnberger
PO Box 1292
Albuquerque, NM 87195
Phone: 505-247-2052
Fax: 505-242-6471

New Mexico Commercial Drivers Training, Tucumcari, NM

Commitment: A San Juan College Truck Driving School contractor commits to provide equipment to the

USDA New Mexico Gleaning initiative to transport gleaned products throughout New Mexico at no charge. Approximately 21 loads or 892,500 pounds are expected to be transported each year.

Contact: Jack Smith
NM Commercial Drivers Training
4048 Quay Road 64.8
Tucumcari, NM 88401
Phone: 505-461-3346

Foodlink, Rochester, NY

Commitment: Foodlink, in partnership with Ebony Classic Catering, will utilize it's shared-use kitchen in northwest Rochester to create small food-based businesses. In doing so, Foodlink will enrich the neighborhood and create wealth via ownership of ethnic or lifestyle food-based small businesses.

Contact: Tom Ferraro
Foodlink
936 Exchange Street
Rochester, NY 14608
Phone: 716-328-3380

Cincinnati Business Incubator, Inc. Cincinnati, OH

Commitment: Cincinnati Business Incubator, Inc., commits to training alternative agriculture entrepreneurs. With produce grown utilizing new methodology, farmers will sell produce at Findlay Market, Ohio's oldest public market, to both consumers and WIC coupon recipients.

Contact: Dr. Bryan L. Madison
Kitchen Incubator Manager and project coordinator
Cincinnati Business Incubator, Inc.
108 Wm. Howard Taft Road,
Cincinnati, OH 45219
Phone: 513-569-8595
Fax: 513-569-8284

Oikos Community Development Corporation, Dayton, OH

Commitment: Oikos Community Development Corporation which operates Dayton and Montgomery County's IDA program "Asset Fund", commits to double the number of individuals involved in the IDA program in 2000 and 15 fold over the next three years through a joint public-private action plan.

Contact: Oikos Community Development Corporation
1922 North Main Street
Dayton, OH 45405
Phone: 937-278-9096

Max Finberg, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Tony Hall (D-OH)

1432 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 202-225-6465

State of Oregon

Commitment: Governor Kitzhaber commits to establishing an Interagency Council on Hunger, developing policy recommendations to reduce hunger in Oregon prior to the 20001 legislative session, and increasing citizen awareness of the state hunger in Oregon.

Contact: Pam Curtis, Policy Analyst
Governor's Office of Healthcare, Human Services and Labor
160 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310
Phone: 503-378-5884

Creation Continues Educational Services, Gettysburg, PA

Commitment: Creation Continues commits to increase community food security in Pennsylvania through the expansion of its Earth Literacy/food production center, Stewardship Community Gardens Program, Congregation Supported farming and Community Food Projects and Micro-enterprise Development & Just Community Food Systems programs. In addition, Creation will conduct a community food security analysis of South Central PA to assess the health of the local food systems and designate the causes of hunger in the region and create a local Food Systems Council.

Contact: Suse Greenstone
Coordinator, Just Food Systems of South Central PA
St. James Lutheran Church
c/o 895 Red Rock Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone: 717-337-3136
Fax: 717-337-3175

The Farmers' Market Trust, Philadelphia, PA

Commitment: The Farmer's Market Trust will organize a two-day conference on "The Future of Food and Farms." This conference will bring together the full range of food system stakeholders from 4 states to discuss community food security related topics.

Contact: Audrey N. Maretzki, PH.D.
USDA Community Food Security Liaison
Food Science Department, Pennsylvania State University
111 Borland Laboratory
University Park, PA 16802
Phone: 814-863-4753

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Pittsburgh PA

Commitment: The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is committed to building community support for local agriculture to eliminate hunger by expanding its Farm Stand Project, FEMA/Farmers' Market

Coupon Program and Urban Gardening Initiative to improve people's access to locally produced fruits and vegetables.

Contact: Lisa Scales
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank,
P.O. Box 127
McKeesport, PA 15134-0127
Phone: 412-672-4949

Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center, Harrisburg PA

Commitment: The Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center commits to working within the state of Pennsylvania to disseminate two new food security/anti-hunger guides, "Food and Nutrition in Pennsylvania: A Resource Guide" and "Hunger in Halcyon Days". The Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center also commits to conducting six workshops across the state to help local communities assess and evaluate food security among low-income households as well as promote community actions which strengthen the local food system by July 2000.

Contact: Berry Friesen
Executive Director
208 North Third Street, Suite 200
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone: 717-233-6705
Fax: 717-231-4085

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Food System Council, PA

Commitment: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Food System Council commits to launching a major Initiative to enhance the Pittsburgh area's long-term food security by improving people's access to fresh, locally-grown produce. The Allegheny County Food Security 2000 Initiative will support local produce stands and urban gardens and will bring together the government, business and non-profit sectors to develop a strategic plan to respond to regional long-term food security issues.

Contact: Lisa Scales
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank,
P.O. Box 127
McKeesport, PA 15134-0127
Phone: 412-672-4949
Fax: 412-672-4740

Johnson & Wales University, RI

Commitment: Johnson & Wales University will continue and expand civic responsibility initiatives for their culinary and hospitality students; address issues of food redistribution, food security and social advocacy in their community service practicum; develop initiative in the area of culinary education and nutrition for lower income residents in the Providence area; and work with the Rhode Island Food Security Coalition to be a strong voice for food security in Rhode Island.

Contact: Donna Lavalley, USDA Community Food Security Liaison
URI
Providence Center, Room, 302
80 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401-277-5270

Fax: 401-277-5284

Rhode Island Campaign to End Childhood Poverty, Pawtucket, RI

Commitment: The RI Campaign to End Childhood Poverty commits to holding a summit on Rhode Island Children in Poverty. The Summit participants will include key policy makers, legislators, community leaders with the goal of reducing childhood poverty in the state.

Contact: Bill Flynn
George Wiley Center
32 East Avenue
Pawtucket, RI
Phone: 401-728-5555

Rhode Island Community Food Bank , RI

Commitment: The RI Community Food Bank commits to creating a Kid's Café which provides 500-600 meals to Boys & Girls Clubs through their Community Kitchen job training program; increasing their fresh produce and drop site distribution to member agencies; establishing Hunger Action Teams; and helping food pantries to move to a client choice model for food distribution.

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Providence, RI 02903
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Rhode Island Council of Churches, RI

Commitment: The RI Council of Churches commits to holding cluster meetings around the state to help faith communities establish or expand their food ministries.

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Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Cranston, RI

Commitment: The RI Department of Human Services commits to expanding food stamp outreach efforts to elderly residents. This effort will include focus groups, posters, brochures and a video tape explaining the value and use of food stamps.

Contact: Bob McDonough
Louis Pasteur Bldg.
Bldg. 57
600 New London Turnpike
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 401-462-6840
Fax: 401-462-1846

Rhode Island Food Security Coalition, RI

Commitment: The RI Food Security Coalition commits to creating a viable coalition which fosters collaborative projects around the state aimed at increasing food security for all Rhode Island citizens and to providing education throughout the state on Food Security and related issues including educating policy makers about the importance of food security to the citizens of the state.

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80 Washington Street
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Rhode Island Department of Health, RI

Commitment: The RI Department of Public Health commits to conducting an annual Food Security Survey of the state.

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Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401-277-5270

Saint Francis Chapel and City Ministry, RI

Commitment: The Saint Francis Chapel and City Ministry in Rhode Island commits to opening and maintaining a store-front and client choice food distribution ministry.

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80 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401-277-5270
Fax: 401-277-5284

University of Rhode Island, RI

Commitment: The University of Rhode Island is committed to the establishment of the Feinstein Center for a Hunger-free America. The goal of the center will be to establish a minor on hunger studies at the University; encouraging research on hunger poverty related issues, and encouraging grass-roots action

throughout the University and wider community.

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Providence, RI 02903
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Southside Community Land Trust, Providence, RI

Commitment: Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT) is committed to promoting community gardening, facilitating environmental education and acting as a catalyst for community food security. SCLT will work to expand its community gardens programs which currently serves over 200 low-income families in South Providence, its organic working farms and its school based environmental education program for children.

Contact: Jane Jellison
Southside Community Land Trust
Providence, RI
Phone: 401-273-9419
Fax: 401-273-5712

Center for Public Policy Priorities, Austin TX

Commitment: The Center commits to providing information on state and federal nutrition issues to the 800-plus member Texas Anti-Hunger Network and conducting research, advocacy, and analysis on policies affecting hunger and nutrition. In addition, the Center is committed to increasing participation in the Food Stamp program, expanding access to the Summer Food Service Program, and improving work and training opportunities for childless adult Food Stamp recipients through the Food Stamp Employment & Training program.

Contact: Celia Hagert
Nutrition Policy Analyst
900 Lydia St.
Austin, TX 78704
Phone: 512-320-0222
Fax: 512-320-0227

Texas Department of Health, Austin, TX

Commitment: The Texas Department of Health, WIC Program, commits to open at least seven new clinics offering the services of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children -- nutritional analysis and counseling for pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children; grocery store vouchers for healthy foods; childhood immunizations; breast-feeding assistance for moms; and other services -- in the colonias of the Texas Rio Grande Valley by May 2000.

Contact: Mike Montgomery, Chief, Bureau of Nutrition Services
Texas Department of Health
1100 W. 49th St.

Austin, TX 78756-3199
Phone: 512-458-7444

Galveston County Senior Citizens Program, Galveston, TX

Commitment: Galveston County Senior Citizen Program commits to working with USDA and other local and state anti-hunger organizations to initiate a food stamps outreach program aimed at increasing food stamps utilization in Galveston County and starting a food bank.

Contact: Julie Penrod-Glenn
Galveston County Senior Citizens Program
2201 Ave. L
Galveston, TX 77550
Phone: 409-770-6257
Fax: 409-776-2449

Kid-Care Inc, Houston, TX

Commitment: Kid-Care, Inc. commits to serve 20,000 meals per month to children in poverty in Houston, Texas, through its meals on wheels program for children, the first such program in the nation. Kid-Care, which operates without any government or United Way funding, also commits to teach other grassroots organizations around the nation how to model its successful children's programs.

Contact: Carol Doe-Porter, RN
Kid-Care Inc., P.O. Box 10441
Houston, TX 77206
Phone: 1-800-566-0084
web site: www.kid-care.com

Lopez Community Land Trust, Lopez Island, WA

Commitment: The Lopez Community Land Trust commits to improve community food production and marketing with small farmers and supporting organizations of the San Juan Islands by implementing a county-based non-profit food processing infrastructure for both meat and plant products. This project will link producers and markets directly. The Lopez Food Processing Center is being supported by USDA's Rural Development Office and Community Food Projects program of USDA's Cooperative Research Education and Extension Service.

Contact: Thomas Forster
Lopez Community Land Trust, P.O. Box 25
Lopez Island, WA 98261
Phone: 360-468-3723

Milwaukee Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee, WI

Commitment: The Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee commits to improving community food security in the city through a comprehensive economic development initiative that includes a new public market hall, a kitchen incubator project and a small business program; expanding WIC and food stamp outreach; expanding the Milwaukee Farmers Market Association; and developing a new curriculum for an Urban Food Systems Planning course at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Contact: Tim Locke

Milwaukee Hunger Task Force
201 S. Hawley Ct.
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Phone: 414-777-0483
Fax: 414-777-0480

Midwest Anti-Hunger Network (MAHN)

Commitment: MAHN commits to partner with The Campaign to End Child Hunger and the Development Training Institute to conduct a year long pilot project leadership formation training initiative to develop the community building skills of anti-hunger leaders in Wichita, Kansas. The community building leadership training will be focused on developing 40 local community builders in both the private and public sectors and will be replicated across the Midwest. MAHN also commits as an organization to develop a welfare to work policy commitment as a central aspect of their community food security focus in 1999-2000 aimed at initiating new, and expanding current micro development and enterprise projects.

Contact: Michael Salinas, Executive Director
Midwest Anti-Hunger Network
4634 North Elkhart Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
Phone: 414-963-4006
Fax: 414-963-4139

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) COMMITMENTS

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- USDA commits to building local food systems through the Community Food Project Competitive Grants Program. On October 15th, \$2.4 million in funds will be awarded to 20 community-based organizations to increase food security in their communities. There are currently 49 Community Food Project Grants nationwide.
- USDA commits to designating and supporting a community food security liaison for each state and territory to provide “one-stop-shopping” to communities to help access USDA’s food security related resources and obtain provide technical assistance. The top priority of each liaison will be to help states and communities implement all commitments made at the Summit.
- USDA commits to developing and distributing two new handbooks on “how to” fight hunger and bolster food security at the local level— one focused on resources and one focused on action steps.

ECONOMIC & JOB SECURITY

- USDA commits to catalyzing economic development and job creation by supporting USDA’s 8 Empowerment Zones, 50 Enterprise Communities, and Champion Communities and by helping those zones and communities integrate community food security-related activities into their

strategic plans.

- USDA commits to encourage Federal agencies and states to make welfare-to work and other job training funds available for “community kitchens” which combine job-training with food rescue.
- The USDA Rural Housing Service commits to making \$150,000 in small grants available to rural non-profit organizations to expand their infrastructure for community food security related activities such as food recovery and gleaning and farmers markets.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROVIDED BY NONPROFIT GROUPS

- USDA commits to expanding its Field Gleaning Program to all 50 states. Since the Field Gleaning Program was announced at the 1997 National Summit on Food Recovery and Gleaning, it has facilitated the donation of 7 million pounds of excess food.
- USDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency release at the Summit a joint publication, titled *Waste Not, Want Not: Feeding the Hungry and Reducing Solid Waste Through Food Recovery*, that will help corporations, states, and municipalities aid the environment and feed hungry Americans by utilizing food recovery to reduce solid waste.
- USDA will hold a nationwide employee food drive from October 15th-December 15th 1999.

COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCTION & MARKETING

- USDA commits to launching a “Millennium Gardens” campaign to dramatically increase the number of gardens in the country. Key elements of this campaign are: 1) Designating a community garden coordinator in each state; 2) Signing a National Memorandum of Understanding with national groups (i.e.: the Garden Clubs of America, the American Community Gardening Association, the Garden Writers of America Association) to increase gardening activities; 3) Directing all USDA State Technical Committees to develop state community garden action plans; and 4) Expanding the Extension Master Gardener Program to all USDA Service Centers with support from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Earth Team Volunteers; and, 5) Creating an easy-to-use technical assistance guide on community gardening for interested individuals and groups. The Rural Housing Service will help create new community gardens and USDA-funded rural family at senior citizen housing.
- The USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service commits to providing matching funds, on a competitive basis, to projects that provide marketing assistance to small farms and form partnerships with community-based organizations interested in pursuing local or regional food system strategies.
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service commits to sponsoring marketing outreach workshops for limited resource farmers.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS:

- USDA commits to creating and maintaining a new Community Food Security Web Site to provide easy-to-use “how to” information for people fighting hunger at the grass-roots level.
- USDA will make the new USDA video on the “faces of hunger and food security” available to local groups throughout the country.

RESEARCH, MONITORING, & EVALUATION:

- USDA commits to furthering research on food assistance and nutrition programs through the award of \$2.5 million to 13 institutions as part of the Department's Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP). The grants fund research projects that address one of three priority research areas: analyzing the benefits of improved diets and food choices, the factors that influence diet and nutrition, and the impacts of food assistance and nutrition programs. Grant recipients include: the Urban Institute, Washington, DC, the State University of New York, the University of Massachusetts, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH.
- The USDA Economic Research Service commits to producing a toolkit to help communities assess the factors that contribute to food insecurity and hunger at the grass roots level.
- The USDA Economic Research Service commits to completing and disseminating the first-ever large-scale study of the Nonprofit Emergency and Supplemental Feeding System, including food banks, food rescue, food pantries, and hot meal programs.